

Service of Process **Transmittal** 

01/22/2014

CT Log Number 524256732

TO: Kim Lundy Service of Process

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 702 SW 8th Street, MS 0215 Bentonville, AR 72716-0215

RE: **Process Served in Iowa** 

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Domestic State: DE) FOR:

#### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: Kelleher Kathy, Pltf. vs. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Dft.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: Original Notice, First Amended and Substituted Petition and Demand, Release,

Dubuque County District Court, IA Case # 01311LACV058189 COURT/AGENCY:

Employee Litigation - Discrimination - First Amended and Substituted Petition at **NATURE OF ACTION:** 

Law and Demand for Jury Trial

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, Des Moines, IA

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Process Server on 01/22/2014 at 09:55

JURISDICTION SERVED: lowa

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 20 days after service

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): Danita L. Grant

Fuerste, Carew, Juergens & Sudmeier, P.C.

200 Security Building 151 West 8th Street Dubuque, IA 52001 563.556.4011

CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 01/22/2014, Expected Purge Date: 01/27/2014 ACTION ITEMS:

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#### **DOCKET HISTORY:**

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: CT LOG NUMBER: TO:

Original Notice, Petition and By Process Server on 01/09/2014 at Demand for Jury Trial, 08:55 Attachment

Kim Lundy Service of Process 524181778 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

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#### IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR DUBUQUE COUNTY

VS.

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No. 0131 LACV058189

WAL-MART STORES, INC.,

ORIGINAL NOTICE

Defendant.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

WAL-MART STORES, INC.

c/o CT Corporation 2222 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Amended and Substituted Petition was filed on the 16th day of January, 2014, in the office of the Clerk of this Court naming you as the Defendant in this action. A copy of the First Amended and Substituted Petition at Law and Demand for Jury Trial is attached to this Notice. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Danita L. Grant, Fuerste, Carew, Juergens & Sudmeier, P.C., whose address is 200 Security Building, 151 West 8th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001, and whose phone number is (563) 556-4011; facsimile number (563) 556-7134.

You must serve a Motion or Answer within twenty (20) days after service of this original notice upon you and within a reasonable time thereafter file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for **Dubuque** County, at the county courthouse in **Dubuque**, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disabilities coordinator at (319) 833-3332. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942. **Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.** 

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CLERK OF COURT

Dubuque County Courthouse Dubuque, Iowa

IMPORTANT:

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR

INTERESTS.

# IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT DUBUQUE COUNTY

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KATHY KELLEHER,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NO. 01311 LACV058189

WAL-MART STORES, INC.,

Defendant.

# FIRST AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED PETITION AT LAW AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW Plaintiff, KATHY KELLEHER, and for her cause of action against the Defendant states as follows:

#### **COMMON ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. Plaintiff is, and all material times herein has been, a resident of Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa.
- 2. Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, with its principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas, and is authorized to conduct and is conducting business in Iowa as a foreign corporation.
- 3. At all times material hereto, Defendant has regularly employed more than 500 individuals, and has regularly employed employees in the State of Iowa.
- 4. Plaintiff has been employed by Defendant since September 12, 1995, and remains employed by Defendant.

- 5. Plaintiff was first hired by Defendant as a truck unloader and worked in that position until some time in 1997, at which time she changed positions and began working as a stocker for Defendant.
- 6. In 1997, after starting her job as a stocker, Plaintiff was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS).
- 7. Plaintiff's health condition rendered her and continues to render her disabled within the meaning of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, as amended.
- 8. At the time of her diagnosis, Plaintiff informed Defendant of her condition and physical disabilities and requested certain accommodations to perform her job duties as a stocker.
- 9. Despite said disability, Plaintiff was qualified and able to perform the duties and functions of her employment as a stocker with reasonable accommodation.
- 10. Defendant accommodated Plaintiff's physical disability and Plaintiff continued to work her job as a stocker with Defendant until some time in 2011, when Defendant denied Plaintiff's long-standing accommodations, refused to continue to accommodate Plaintiff in the same fashion it had for the past fourteen (14) years, and changed Plaintiff's position and job duties.

#### **COUNT I - DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION**

- 11. Plaintiff Kathy Kelleher, alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1-10 of the Common Allegations of this Petition, as if restated verbatim herein.
- 12. The change in Plaintiff's position and job duties by Defendant constitutes unlawful discrimination on the basis of disability in violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, as amended.
- 13. Said discriminatory practice occurred within Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa.
- 14. As a proximate cause of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff has suffered damages, including but not limited to, past and future wage loss, past and future medical expenses, and emotional distress, in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the Iowa Associate District Court.
- 15. Plaintiff has exhausted all administrative remedies. Plaintiff filed complaints with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and EEOC within 300 days of said discrimination. On September 18, 2013, Administrative Law Judge, Emily Gould Chafa, issued a Probable Cause Order out of Plaintiff's Iowa Civil Rights Commission Complaint, finding probable cause to support Plaintiff's allegations of discrimination based on disability and failure to continue to accommodate Plaintiff's disability. Upon receipt of the probable cause finding, Plaintiff requested a right to sue from the Iowa

Civil Rights Commission and the EEOC. The Iowa Civil Rights Commission issued a Letter of Right-to-Sue on October 3, 2013, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The EEOC issued a Notice of Right to Sue on January 13, 2014, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Kathy Kelleher, respectfully requests this Court enter judgment against Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., for compensatory damages in a sum sufficient to compensate Plaintiff for her injuries and loss, emotional distress, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, the cost of this litigation, interest as provided by law, and any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

#### **COUNT II - FAILURE TO CONTINUE TO ACCOMMODATE**

- 16. Plaintiff Kathy Kelleher, alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1-10 of the Common Allegations of this Petition, as if restated verbatim herein.
- 17. Defendant's denial of Plaintiff's long-standing accommodations and refusal to continue to accommodate Plaintiff's disability constitutes unlawful discrimination in violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, as amended.
- 18. Said discriminatory practice occurred within Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa.
- 19. As a proximate cause of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff has suffered damages, including but not limited to, past and future wage loss, past and future medical

expenses, and emotional distress, in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the Iowa Associate District Court.

20. Plaintiff has exhausted all administrative remedies. Plaintiff filed complaints with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and EEOC within 300 days of said discrimination. On September 18, 2013, Administrative Law Judge, Emily Gould Chafa, issued a Probable Cause Order out of Plaintiff's Iowa Civil Rights Commission Complaint, finding probable cause to support Plaintiff's allegations of discrimination based on disability and failure to continue to accommodate Plaintiff's disability. Upon receipt of the probable cause finding, Plaintiff requested a right to sue from the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the EEOC. The Iowa Civil Rights Commission issued a Letter of Right-to-Sue on October 3, 2013, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The EEOC issued a Notice of Right to Sue on January 13, 2014, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Kathy Kelleher, respectfully requests this Court enter judgment against Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., for compensatory damages in a sum sufficient to compensate Plaintiff for her injuries and loss, emotional distress, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, the cost of this litigation, interest as provided by law, and any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

#### **COUNT III - HARASSMENT**

21. Plaintiff Kathy Kelleher, alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1-10 of the Common Allegations of this Petition, as if restated verbatim herein.

- 22. Plaintiff has repeatedly and consistently been harassed, ostracized and chastised by her supervisors and members of Defendant's Dubuque store management team regarding her disability and need for accommodation.
- 23. The conduct of Defendant's supervisors and management personnel is in violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, as amended.
- 24. As a proximate cause of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff has suffered damages, including but not limited to, past and future wage loss, past and future medical expenses, and emotional distress, in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the Iowa Associate District Court.
- 25. Plaintiff has exhausted all administrative remedies. Plaintiff filed complaints with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and EEOC within 300 days of said harassment. On September 18, 2013, Administrative Law Judge, Emily Gould Chafa, issued a Probable Cause Order administratively closing Plaintiff's claims of harassment. Upon receipt of the order, Plaintiff requested a right to sue from the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the EEOC. The Iowa Civil Rights Commission issued a Letter of Right-to-Sue on October 3, 2013, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The EEOC issued a Notice of Right to Sue on January 13, 2014, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Kathy Kelleher, respectfully requests this Court enter judgment against Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., for compensatory damages in a sum

sufficient to compensate Plaintiff for her injuries and loss, emotional distress, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, the cost of this litigation, interest as provided by law, and any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

#### **COUNT IV - RETALIATION**

- 26. Plaintiff Kathy Kelleher, alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1-10 of the Common Allegations of this Petition, as if restated verbatim herein.
- 27. After seeking continued accommodations for her disability, contesting Defendant's refusal to continue to accommodate her disability, and pursuing her rights under the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, as amended, Plaintiff has received poor performance reviews (which have negatively affected her rate of pay) has been given undesirable work assignments, has been harassed and chastised about her disability by Defendant's management, and has had her job duties and responsibilities changed.
- 28. The conduct of Defendant is in violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, as amended.
- 29. As a proximate cause of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff has suffered damages, including but not limited to, past and future wage loss, past and future medical expenses, and emotional distress, in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limit of the lowa Associate District Court.

30. Plaintiff has exhausted all administrative remedies. Plaintiff filed complaints with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and EEOC within 300 days of said retaliation. On September 18, 2013, Administrative Law Judge, Emily Gould Chafa, issued a Probable Cause Order administratively closing Plaintiff's claims of retaliation. Upon receipt of the order, Plaintiff requested a right to sue from the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the EEOC. The Iowa Civil Rights Commission issued a Letter of Right-to-Sue on October 3, 2013, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The EEOC issued a Notice of Right to Sue on January 13, 2014, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Kathy Kelleher, respectfully requests this Court enter judgment against Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., for compensatory damages in a sum sufficient to compensate Plaintiff for her injuries and loss, emotional distress, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, the cost of this litigation, interest as provided by law, and any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

### **COUNT V - PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

- 31. Plaintiff Kathy Kelleher, alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1-30 of this Petition, as if restated verbatim herein.
- 32. Defendant acted intentionally, willfully, and maliciously by changing Plaintiff's position and job duties and failing to continue to accommodate Plaintiff's disability, in wanton disregard of Plaintiff's rights, under circumstances and in such a

wrongful state of mind as to require an award of punitive damages against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff in that amount which will deter Defendant and others from such conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Kathy Kelleher, prays for judgment against Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., for punitive damages in that amount which will deter Defendant and others from such conduct and damage in the future, together with interest as allowed by law and the costs of this action.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff Kathy Kelleher demands trial by jury of all issues herein properly so

triable.

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## Administrative Release (Letter of Right-To-Sue)

To:	) From:
MS. KATHY KELLEHER 2310 WHITE ST DUBUQUE, IA 52001	<ul> <li>) Iowa Civil Rights Commission</li> <li>) Grimes State Office Building</li> <li>) 400 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street</li> <li>) Des Moines, Iowa 50319</li> </ul>
Complaint CP# 04-12-62359	-2012-00594C Local# 4377

This is your Administrative Release (Right-To-Sue) Letter issued pursuant to Iowa Code Section 216.16 and 161 Iowa Administrative Code Section 3.10. It is issued pursuant to the Complainant's request.

The following conditions have been met:

- 1. The complaint was timely filed with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) as provided in Iowa Code Section 216.15(12);
- 2. Sixty (60) days have expired since the complaint was filed with ICRC;
- 3. None of the exceptions set forth in Administrative Rule 161 3.10(4) are applicable.

With this Administrative Release, the Complainant has the right to commence an action in district court. That action must be commenced within ninety (90) days of the issue date 10/3/2013. The Right-to-Sue Letter is not a finding by ICRC on the merits of the charge. ICRC will take no further actions in this matter.

A copy of this Administrative Release/Letter of Right-To-Sue has been sent to the Respondent(s) and counsel(s) as shown below. The Code allows any party to obtain a complete copy of the case file after a Right-To-Sue has been issued. Requests for copies should be directed to Annette Flaherty at ICRC.

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission

Phone: (515) 281-4121 FAX: (515) 242-5840

cc: File

DANITA GRANT, Complainant's Attorney MICHELLE REID, Respondent's Attorney LEAH GIDRON, Respondent's Attorney WALMART WALMART ROBERT HARDING, STORE MANAGER

TOBY (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), ASST MANAGER OLLIE (LAST NAME UKNOWN), ASST MANAGER

KELLY (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), CO-MANAGER

SCOTT (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) CO-MANAGER

ICRC/S36 (24)

### U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE (ISSUED ON REQUEST)

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(See also the additional information enclosed with this form.)  NOTICE TO THE PERSON AGGRIEVED:  Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination  Act (GINA): This is your Notice of Right to Sue, issued under Title VII, the ADA or GINA based on the above-numbered charge. It has							
been issued at your request. Your lawsuit under Title VII, the ADA or GINA must be filed in a federal or state court <u>WITHIN 90 DAYS</u> of your receipt of this notice; or your right to sue based on this charge will be lost. (The time limit for filing suit based on a claim under state law may be different.)							
X	More than 180 days have passe	ed since the filing o	f this charge.		•		
	Less than 180 days have passed since the filing of this charge, but I have determined that it is unlikely that the EEOC will be able to complete its administrative processing within 180 days from the filing of this charge.						
X	The EEOC is terminating its processing of this charge.						
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Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA): You may sue under the ADEA at any time from 60 days after the charge was filed until 90 days after you receive notice that we have completed action on the charge. In this regard, the paragraph marked below applies to your case:							
	The EEOC is closing your case. Therefore, your lawsuit under the ADEA must be filed in federal or state court <u>WITHIN</u> <u>90 DAYS</u> of your receipt of this Notice. Otherwise, your right to sue based on the above-numbered charge will be lost.						
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Equal Pay Act (EPA): You already have the right to sue under the EPA (filing an EEOC charge is not required.) EPA suits must be brought in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that backpay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible:							
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